

The LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning stimulates competition and benefits consumers. Their inability to meet the needs of the customer now requires them to come to you for a rules change at the expense of small business. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country. Thank you for hearing our comments.